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1. Nov. 5th Energy Workshop Features Money-Saving Tips and Free Pizza



With the leaves falling, we all know winter is almost upon us. Do you have your home ready to keep the cold out and the warm in? If you'd like to knock some dollars off your bill, consider joining us at the **Fitchburg Public Library on November 5th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** to learn some simple home energy savings tips from Madison Gas & Electric.

MGE will cover these key points and answer any questions:

- Simple do-it-yourself strategies to improve comfort, save energy and \$\$
- How to insulate properly
- Energy myths
- Rewards and rebates currently available through Focus On Energy



We want you to save money this winter, so bring any questions you may have about your home or apartment! In addition to free pizza, you can enter a drawing to win a LED light bulbs or a smart power strip from MG&E. This event is being sponsored by the Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission through Fitchburg's Green Thursday series.

2. Fall 2015 Curbside Yard Waste Collection Kicks Off Weeks of Oct. 26, Nov. 16.

Fitchburg Public Works crews will be out collecting fall yard waste and brush the weeks of Oct. 26-30 and Nov. 16-20. Please remember to place yard waste at the curb in reusable containers or 30-gallon plastic bags. More information on Fitchburg's current Curbside Yard Waste Collection Program is available on our [website](#) as well as information about [composting](#) and leaf mulching. A FACTv [video](#) also describes the recommended options for curbside placement of yard waste.

Allowable Options For Curbside Placement of Yard Waste



3. Reusable Yard Bags Good Choice for Curbside Yard Waste and Leaf Collections



This fall, consider reusable bags when you are putting out your yard waste and leaves for curbside collection. While the City sold out of reusable polybags for the season, similar bags are available for purchase at local stores. In spring 2016, residents can purchase reusable polybags at the 2nd floor counter at City Hall, 5520 Lacy Hall, during regular hours from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday while supplies last. One bag is *free* to residents who pay the “Refuse & Recycling” special charge on their property tax bill and the cost for additional bags is \$2/bag.

4. Allied-Dunn’s Marsh Bike Night Planned for Oct. 26th

Join the Bike Night ride on Monday, October 26th, from 1:30pm to 5:30pm at the Boys & Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Road, Fitchburg. The Capital Area Regional Planning Commission and the Healthy Kids Collaborative, along with many other partners, are coming together to host a bike night event in the Allied-Dunns Marsh neighborhood. This event is part of the Active Living Places Initiative of the "Plan4Health" Grant, which helps educate under-served communities about the importance of living healthier lives through active living. For more information, contact CARPC at 283-1266.



5. Community Calendar

- **Madison Gas & Electric Community Conversations.** MGE is seeking feedback to help shape their future energy plans for the next decade. For more information and to sign up, go to mge.com/conversations.
- **Fall Composting Training.** Dane County Extension [Master Composter Certification Class](#), Oct. 28th & Nov. 4th from 6-9 p.m. at the Lussier Family Heritage Center, 3101 Lake Farm Rd.
- **Wisconsin Science Festival.** Wisconsin Institute for Discovery, Oct. 22-25, UW-Madison. Check [event listings](#) for events for all ages.
- **UW-Madison MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses).** To sign up for a free courses on Climate Change and Public Health (Dec. 11 start), go to <https://moocs.wisc.edu/> or to join in discussion groups, go to <http://sustainability.wisc.edu/sustainability-discussion-groups/>.



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